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**REQUEST  
FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,  
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant  
application filed on or after June 8, 1995.  
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/955,826 ✓
Filing Date	9/19/01
Examiner Name	Andrea A. Hence
First Named Inventor	Belanger
Group Art Unit	2854
Attorney Docket Number	600.1170

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.  
**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. ☒ Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

a. ☐ Previously submitted

- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

b. ☒ Enclosed

- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

2. ☐ Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

3. ☒ Fees

The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-0552
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$ 750.00 enclosed
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450



In re application of: Belanger  
Serial No.: 09/955,826  
Filed: 09/19/2001  
For: BLANKET CYLINDER WITH INTEGRATED COMPRESSIBLE LAYER

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Response to Office Action (8 pgs) in the above-identified application.

- ☐ Small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been previously established.  
☐ Applicants assert small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27.  
☒ No fee for additional claims is required.  
☐ A filing fee for additional claims calculated as shown below, is required:

(Col. 1)		(Col. 2)		SMALL ENTITY		OR	LARGE ENTITY	
FOR:	REMAINING	HIGHEST		RATE	FEE		RATE	FEE
	AFTER	PREVIOUSLY	PRESENT					
	AMENDMENT	PAID FOR	EXTRA					
TOTAL CLAIMS	* Minus**	=	0	x \$	9	\$	x \$	18
INDEP. CLAIMS	* Minus***	=	0	x \$	42	\$	x \$	84
<input type="checkbox"/> FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM				+	\$140	\$	+	\$280

TOTAL: \$ OR TOTAL: \$

- \* If the entry in Co. 1 is less than the entry in Col. 2, write "0" in Col. 3.  
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- ☒ Also transmitted herewith are:  
☐ Petition for extension under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 (in duplicate)  
☒ Other: Request for Continued Examination (RCE) (1 pg).
- ☒ Check(s) in the amount of **\$750.00** are attached to cover:  
☐ Filing fee for additional claims under 37 C.F.R. 1.16  
☐ Petition fee for extension under 37 C.F.R. 1.136  
☐ Other:
- ☒ The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0552.
- ☒ Any filing fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 for the presentation of additional claims which are not paid by check submitted herewith.
- ☒ Any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.17.
- ☒ Any petition fees for extension under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 which are not paid by check submitted herewith, and it is hereby requested that this be a petition for an automatic extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136.

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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July 21, 2003

Sir:

In response to the office action dated April 22, 2003 received in the above-identified application, Applicants hereby respectfully request reconsideration of the application based on the following amendments and remarks.

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